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1. JAEN, VELASQUEZ AND ZAMBRANO MET WITH PANCANAL (LT.GOV. TORMEY, CONLEY, NORRIS AND FERRARA) AND EMBASSY (TAYLOR) IN AN EFFORT TO GET IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING MACHINERY TO WORKING BETTER AND TO PLAN FOR EDWIN FABREGA'S AUGUST 2 MEETING WITH GOVERNOR PARFITT (REFTEL).
2. THE PANAMANIAN'S PROPOSED SOME CHANGES IN THE JOINT WORKING GROUP'S SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND GUIDELINES.
3. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEES SHOULD BE ACTIVATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO BEGIN THE EDUCATIONAL AND PLANNING PROCESS WHICH MUST PRECEDE IMPLEMENTATION. THE PANAMANIAN'S ALSO EXPLAINED THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRUCTURE AS IT APPLIES TO CONTACTS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IN THE SUBCOMMITTEES PANAMA WILL HAVE TECHNICIANS AND PROBABLY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT. AT THE NEXT LEVEL UP, THE WORKING

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GROUP, EDWIN FABREGA AND MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT WILL REPRESENT PANAMA. AS SEEN BY THE PANAMANIAN'S, ANY PROBLEM WHICH CANNOT BE WORKED OUT AT THIS LEVEL SHOULD BE RESOLVED ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. AS DESCRIBED BY THE PANAMANIAN'S, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT WILL ESTABLISH POLICY ON THE BASIS OF GUIDANCE FROM THE TOP LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT. THEY DESCRIBED

THE EIGHT-MAN NATIONAL COMMISSION (REFTEL) AS A "POLITICAL" RATHER THAN A POLICY-MAKING BODY, IMPLYING THAT IT WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN EITHER PLANNING OR THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTATION. THE NATIONAL COMMISSION WILL NOT COME INTO OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH THE U.S. EDWIN FABREGA WILL BE NOT ONLY THE CHIEF IMPLEMENTER, BUT ALSO THE CHIEF POLICY MAKER ON TREATY IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONS.

4. ACCORDING TO JAEN, VELASQUEZ AND ZAMBRANO, THE U.S. SHOULD RAISE ALL TREATY IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, EVEN IF THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED WILL BE HANDLED BY ANOTHER AGENCY. TAYLOR, ANTICIPATING POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THIS QUESTION, ASKED THAT THIS CHANNEL BE FORMALIZED IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION TO THE AMBASSADOR.

5. ANOTHER MEETING WAS SET UP FOR JULY 28, AT WHICH THE U.S. SIDE WILL RESPOND TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE. THE FABREGA-PARFITT MEETING AND THE PANAMANIAN'S REQUESTS FOR MORE INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME. JORDEN

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